**Culture Shock Assignment**

Conrad Kottak defines culture shock as “the whole set of feelings about being in an alien setting, and the ensuing reactions.” He describes it as “a chilly, creepy feeling of alienation, of being without some of the most ordinary, trivial (and therefore basic) cues of one’s culture of origins.” Typically, travellers, immigrants and anyone in a new cultural environment will experience a form of culture shock. Indeed, anthropologists are not immune to this experience either, as demonstrated through Kottak’s account of his undergraduate work in Arembepe, Brazil. Your assignment is to reflect upon a similar experience and write an account of culture shock that you have encountered. Follow the steps below.

* Read the attached insert about Dr. Conrad Kottak’s experience in Arembepe, Brazil.
  + Make notes about Kottak’s sensory experience and feelings.
* Write an account of culture shock that you have experienced.
  + Approx. one and a half to two pages long in MLA format
  + Make sure you include:
    - Context
    - Descriptive details
    - The assumptions you brought to the experience
    - Your emotional and physical reactions
    - The adjustment you made
    - The way you re-adjusted upon re-entering your own culture

You will be marked based on the criteria below

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| The account provides a clear context and vivid descriptive details. | /10 |
| The account provides an insightful and thoughtful reflection on assumptions that were brought to the experience, the reaction to the experience and any adjustments and re-adjustments that were made. | /10 |
| The account is clearly written in an organized manner with little to no mechanical errors and | /5 |
| Total | /25 |

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_